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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PINE WATER COMPANY FOR A DETERMINATION OF THE CURRENT FAIR VALUE OF ITS UTILITY PLANT AND PROPERTY AND FOR INCREASES IN ITS RATES AND CHARGES BASED THEREON FOR UTILITY SERVICE AND FOR APPROVAL TO INCUR LONG-TERM **DEBT** 

PINE STRAWBERRY WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT RESPONSE TO PINE WATER **COMPANY'S** REQUEST FOR STAY

)DOCKET NO: W-035 12A-03-0279

COMES NOW, Pine Strawberry Water Improvement District (PSWID), by and through their counsel undersigned, and hereby responds to Pine Water Company's Request for a Stay in proceedings as follows:

- 1. On May 28, 2009, Plaintiff Pine Strawberry Water Improvement District filed a Motion to Vacate Order for Immediate Possession. See attached Exhibit 1.
- 2. A change of venue from Gila County to Yavapai County occurred on May 22, 2009. Until Yavapai County has time to review Plaintiff's motion to Vacate Order for Immediate Possession, the Immediate Possession should not be allowed as a justification for Defendant Pine Water Company's request for a stay.
- 3. Pine Water Company, as exemplified by their recent objection to virtually every Request to Produce filed by PSWID in the Condemnation Proceeding, is clearly intending to be obstreperous and uncooperative, and avoid providing information to PSWID. As may be recalled, PSWID raised this issue before the full Commission and in response thereto the Commission crafted Decision #70839.

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THEREFORE, for the reasons set forth herein, Plaintiff respectfully requests the Court deny Defendant's Motion for a Stay of Proceedings.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 4th day of June 2009-

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## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YAVAPAI

	PINE STRAWBERRY WATER )	Case NO. P-1300-CV-20090785
l	IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, a Tax Levying )	
I	Public Improvement District pursuant to )	
I	A.R.S. §§ 48-901 to 48-966 inclusive, and §§ 48-)	
	1011 to 48-1019 inclusive and all amendments )	MOTION TO VACATE ORDER FOR
	and supplements thereto,	IMMEDIATE POSSESSION
	)	
	Plaintiff,	
I	)	
I	v. )	
۱	)	
	PINE WATER CO., INC., an Arizona	
	Corporation; STRAWBERRY WATER CO., )	
	INC., an Arizona Corporation; BROOKE	
I	UTILITIES, INC., an Arizona Corporation; )	
	COUNTY OF GILA, a political subdivision of )	
	the State of Arizona; JOHN DOES 1 through )	
	10; and BLACK AND WHITE	
	PARTNERSHIPS 1 through 10,	
	)	
	Defendants.	

COMES NOW THE PLAINTIFF, Pine Strawberry Water Improvement District, (the District), by and through undersigned counsel, hereby moves the Court for an Order Vacating a portion of the Order of May 3, 2009 regarding the Order for Immediate Possession on the grounds and for the reasons set forth herein.

1. Pine and Strawberry Water Companies as they were moving out are leaving behind a number of ADEQ and ACC violations, which the District would have to remedy at its cost. This is not

- 2. The minimal information which has been provided by Pine and Strawberry Water Companies thus far in an effort to comply with the Order, is insufficient to meet the stipulation requirements. For example, our initial review indicates that the data lists in some instances are at best randomly organized, or organized by first names of clientele. Further, the lists do not address the location of the services nor do the maps provide a legend as to the meaning of the notations thereon. Furthermore, some of the maps are not legible. No information was provided concerning meter sizes. There is no method to coordinate billing addresses with the service information and there do not appear to be service addresses or locations. Not all customers were reported on the lists.
- 3. The transition of the electrical power, water service, gas service, and telephone service as the same is involved in both the operations and in the telemetry for the operations of the District System from PWC and SWC to the District is not being concluded in an orderly manner The Pine and Strawberry water systems have not provided the District any information as to how many meters are involved, their location and for what facilities such meters provide power.
- 4. The operation of the water systems and the telemetry equipment concerning the same is not being set up for a smooth transition. The District will have to be provided with the operations and maintenance manuals and the locations of the telemetry equipment for the operations of the water systems. It will also have to have the ability to convert this system to a District owned and operated system. Additionally the District needs the appropriate security information to ensure that all telemetry systems are safe from hackers or other mischief.
- 5. The District has been made aware of a dispute, which one of the water companies is having with the owner of a particular well. The District has been made aware of the filing of a Motion to Intervene in the Condemnation proceedings by this individual. Since that dispute affects the used and useful property, which is being taken by the District it is a significant matter. It is our understanding that that well in question provides more than ten percent of the water system supply. Therefore, it is necessary for that issue to be resolved prior to the time the District takes immediate possession of the system.

6. There is also a concern about some aid in advance of construction agreements, which Pine/Strawberry Water Company may have entered into, collected money for, and not yet constructed the improvements. The District is taking the position that such agreements are not being transferred to the District; however, the District is concerned about the impact of such agreements upon its constituency. The District understands that the handling of these matters would be up to the Pine/Strawberry Water Company to complete the work that they contracted to complete in a timely manner at the company's sole expense. Likewise, if there are additional agreements to which PWC or SWC are a party concerning the construction of improvements, these too have to be fully resolved and the construction complete, or the money refunded to the payors or some other guarantee of the construction of the improvements provided.

7. Because of these reasons and others, Compass Bank, which has committed to loan money to the District for this transaction, was not willing to fund the District's immediate possession of the used and useful assets of the Pine and Strawberry Water Companies and those of Brooke Utilities, Inc.

THEREFORE, for the reasons set forth herein, Plaintiff respectfully requests the Court vacate the Order for Immediate Possession, and the requirement for the deposit of funds.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 28th day of May, 2009.

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/s/ John G. Gliege John G. Gliege

1	This 28 <sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009 to:
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